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THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

of the proceedings of the

SPECIAL FORCES PENSION BOARD

pursuant to

THE SPECIAL FORCES PENSION ACT

for the year ended
March 31, 1982

Alberta
TREASURY

Office of the Provincial Treasurer

To the Honourable FRANK C. LYNCH-STAUNTON
Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

I have the honour to lay before you the Annual Report of the Special Forces Pension Board, pursuant to *The Special Forces Pension Act*, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1982.

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The Honourable L.D. Hyndman
Provincial Treasurer
Minister of Pensions
Government of the Province of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta.

Sir:

In accordance with *Section 34(1)* of *The Special Forces Pension Act*, I have the privilege of submitting to you the Third Annual Report of the Special Forces Pension Board for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1982.

The Pension Fund Act 1980 established a Pension Fund effective April 1, 1981. All receipts in excess of the amount required to meet commitments during each month are transferred to the Pension Fund. The Fund was developed to meet future liabilities of the plan.

During July 1981, Mr. Don Attridge, Personnel Supervisor, City of Medicine Hat was appointed to the Special Forces Pension Board by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Mr. Attridge was nominated by the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association to replace Mr. R.C. Holfeld on the Board. Mr. Holfeld served as a member from April 1979 to June 1981.

We acknowledge the assistance of Payroll and Pensions Division of Alberta Treasury in providing the statistical and financial information included in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

J.E. Faries
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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SPECIAL FORCES PENSION BOARD

BOARD CHAIRMAN

J.E. Faries Chairman
Government Pension Boards

MEMBERS

D.F. Burrows
Chief Commissioner
City of Edmonton

*Don Attridge
Personnel Supervisor
City of Medicine Hat

Norman E. Koch
President
Edmonton Police Association

Sidney Shields
Representative
Alberta Federation of
Police Associations

**Joined Special Forces Pension Board July 1, 1981 in place of R.C. Holfeld who resigned.*

SPECIAL FORCES PENSION ACT

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD AND THE OPERATION OF THE ACT

The Special Forces Pension Board met four times during the fiscal year ended March 31, 1982.

Many issues were considered by the Board at these meetings. Some of the important ones related to:

(a) Board members' liability arising from employees' errors;

(b) Co-ordination of Joint Life pensions with Canada Pension and/or the Old Age Security;

(c) Approval of L.T.D.I. plans;

(d) Simultaneous coverage of an employee under two pension plans;

(e) Rate of contributions during periods of leave without pay;

(f) Participation in the plan by Firefighters;

(g) Participation by Police Officers of the City of Camrose.

The Board also dealt with five individual cases of 'prior service', two of spousal pension and one relating to total disability.

Four issues of the Pension newsletter POSTSCRIPT were published and distributed during the year to all retired Alberta public employees free of charge. Its circulation is approximately 13,000. This publication keeps pensioners up to date on pension developments in the province and, to a limited degree, provides a forum for pensioners' concerns and views.

A pension seminar organized by Pension Boards Secretariat was held on October 29, 1981 at Westridge Park, Devon. Board members of all Alberta pension boards, including invited representatives from Alberta Government Telephones and Teachers Retirement Fund attended the seminar and contributed to the discussions on the various aspects of pension policy. The Honourable Lou Hyndman delivered the keynote address.

Three informational seminars on the pension plan were presented during the year on behalf of the Special Forces Pension Board by the Information Officer of the Pension Boards Secretariat for the members and representatives of the employers participating in the plan.

Average retirement age during the year was 52 years and three months.

CONTRIBUTIONS

During the fiscal period April 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982, pension contributions amounting to $10,756,734.97 were received from the members and employers. As of March 1982, there were 2,616 members' accounts including 12 accounts held on deposit on behalf of the terminated members.

REFUNDS

Refunds of contributions and interest to members leaving the service amounted to $340,380.44, including a sum of $45,399.11 on account of funds transferred to registered pension or retirement savings plans. Refunds of excess member and employer contributions totalled $18,942.21.

TRANSFERS

The following transfers of pension contributions and interest were made during the year by book entry:

Pension Plan	Transfers To	Transfers From
Local Authorities Pension Plan	$42,259.69	$2,016,410.83
Public Service Pension Plan	–	8,818.36
Totals	$42,259.69	$2,025,229.19

MEMBER AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

April 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982

	Number of Accounts	Member Contributions Received	Employer Contributions Received	Total Credited to Members' Accounts March 31, 1982	Total Credited to Employers' Accounts March 31, 1982
City of Edmonton	1,208	$1,941,608.91	$2,344,552.58	$13,015,155.85	$12,407,082.35
City of Calgary	1,214	2,575,926.41	3,270,617.95	12,693,475.51	11,621,149.96
City of Lethbridge	82	167,787.33	170,329.62	246,931.26	225,356.16
City of Medicine Hat	70	113,202.21	127,852.96	112,344.46	126,916.35
City of Camrose	19	14,314.19	10,761.77	14,314.19	10,761.77
Town of Coaldale	6	8,808.96	10,257.10	8,817.21	10,257.10
Accounts Held on Deposit	12	–	–	62,086.49	58,701.20
Accounts Held on Deposit for Deferred Pensions	3	–	–	15,434.91	15,031.04
Unclaimed Refunds	2	714.98	–	899.18	
Totals	2,616	$4,822,362.99	$5,934,371.98	$26,169,459.06	$24,475,255.93

RETIREMENTS AND PENSIONS

Forty-seven retirement pensions, including one Deferred retirement pension, were granted during the year. Of these 44 were coordinated with Canada Pension and/or Old Age Security.

Five Spousal Pensions were granted to the spouses of members who died while in service. Four of these pensions were co-ordinated with Old Age Security.

As of March 1982, there were 110 pensioners, including beneficiaries of deceased members or pensioners, in receipt of pensions. Ninety-eight of the pensions were co-ordinated with Canada Pension and/or Old Age Security. One retired employee was being paid a pension advance equalling 90 per cent of estimated Normal pension pending receipt of choice of pension option.

During the year, 46 members took early retirement (age 55 or 25 years' service), inclusive of one retirement deferred to age 55. One member retired due to total disability.

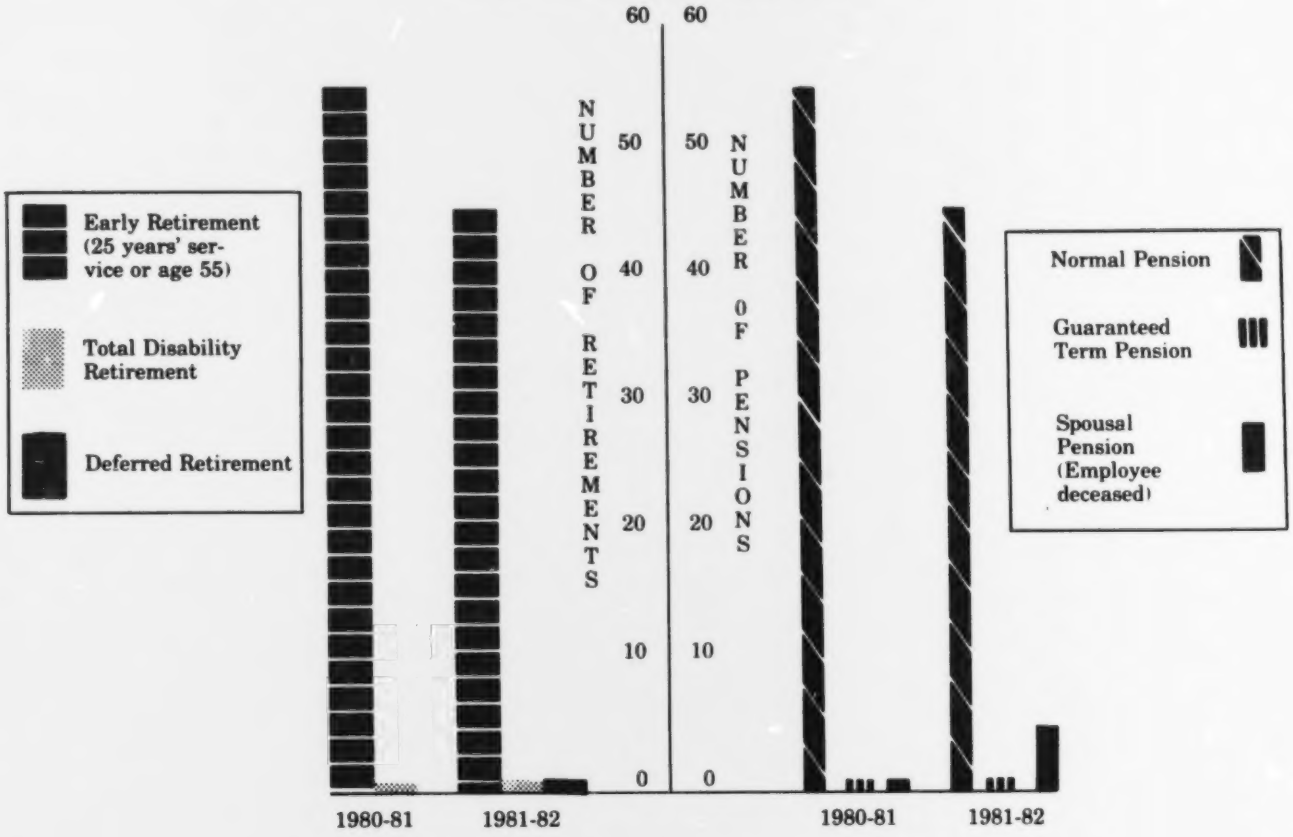
PENSIONS GRANTED

The following pensions were granted in 1981-82:

Normal Pension (65% pension to surviving spouse):	46
Guaranteed Term Pension – 10 years	1
Spousal Pension	5
	52

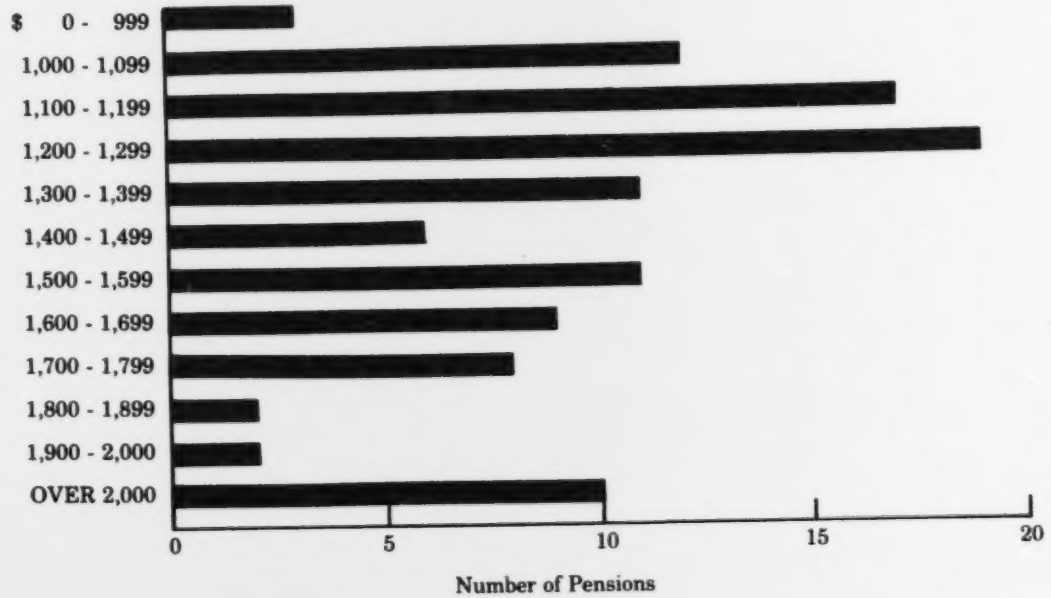
Number of pensions co-ordinated with Canada Pension and/or Old Age Security	48

RETIREMENTS AND PENSIONS



Note: There were no pensioners on regular payroll in 1979-80.

DOLLAR RANGE OF PENSIONS



DOLLAR VALUE OF PENSIONS

Monthly dollar value of pensions at March 1982:

Dollar Value per month	Number of Pensions
$ 0 to 799	1
800 to 899	2
900 to 999	0
1,000 to 1,099	12
1,100 to 1,199	17
1,200 to 1,299	19
1,300 to 1,399	11
1,400 to 1,499	6
1,500 to 1,599	11
1,600 to 1,699	9
1,700 to 1,799	8
1,800 to 1,899	2
1,900 to 1,999	2
2,000 to 2,499	8
2,500 to 2,999	2
	110

The lowest pension paid at March 1982 was $751.41 per month and the highest was $2,782.82 per month. The average dollar value of pensions at March, 1982 was $1,428.13 per month.

PENSION ADJUSTMENT REGULATIONS

To provide an adjustment to pensions granted under the Act, for the purpose of maintaining approximate parity with cost of living, *Section 1* of *The Special Forces Pension Adjustment Regulations*, being Alberta Regulation 9/80, as amended, was further amended to authorize the following adjustments effective January 1, 1982:

(a) pensions granted on or before January 1, 1981 were increased by 10.00%;

(b) pensions granted after January 1, 1981 but on or before February 1, 1981 were increased by 9.17%;

(c) pensions granted after February 1, 1981 but on or before March 1, 1981 were increased by 8.33%;

d) pensions granted after March 1, 1981 but on or before April 1, 1981 were increased by 7.50%;

(e) pensions granted after April 1, 1981 but on or before May 1, 1981 were increased by 6.67%;

(f) pensions granted after May 1, 1981 but on or before June 1, 1981 were increased by 5.83%;

(g) pensions granted after June 1, 1981 but on or before July 1, 1981 were increased by 5.00%;

(h) pensions granted after July 1, 1981 but on or before August 1, 1981 were increased by 4.17%;

(i) pensions granted after August 1, 1981 but on or before September 1, 1981 were increased by 3.33%;

(j) pensions granted after September 1, 1981 but on or before October 1, 1981 were increased by 2.50%;

(k) pensions granted after October 1, 1981 but on or before November 1, 1981 were increased by 1.67%;

(l) pensions granted after November 1, 1981 but on or before December 1, 1981 were increased by 0.83%;

(Alberta Regulation 24/82)

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SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-MAR-82

	1981-82	1980-81
REVENUE		
Contributions		
Employees	$ 4,822,362.99	$ 4,170,530.00
Employers	5,934,371.98	7,751,675.00
	$ 10,756,734.97	$11,922,205.00
EXPENDITURE		
Benefits:		
Pensions and annuities	$ 1,574,111.43	$ 711,081.00
	$ 1,574,111.43	$ 711,081.00
Withdrawals:		
Contributions and interest in respect of employees leaving the service	294,981.33	247,143.00
Contributions and interest in respect of employees transferred to other pension authorities without reciprocal agreements	45,399.11	62,940.00
Refund of excess contributions	18,942.21	15,492.00
	359,322.65	325,575.00
	$ 1,933,434.08	$ 1,036,656.00
Excess of revenue over expenditure for the year	$ 8,823,300.89	$ 10,885,549.00

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NOTE TO THE SUMMARY OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS

March 31, 1982

Transfers

The following contributions and interest were transferred by book entry and are not reflected in the summary of transactions:

	1981-82	1980-81
Transfers to:		
Local Authorities Pension Act	$ 42,259.69	$ 16,651.24
Public Service Pension Act	–	8,424.00
	$ 42,259.69	$ 25,075.24
Transfers from:		
Local Authorities Pension Act	$ 2,016,410.83	$ 66,804.23
Public Service Pension Act	8,818.36	608,610.32
Public Service Management Pension Act	–	32,597.41
	$ 2,025,229.19	$ 708,011.96